

In The Specification:

On page 8, paragraph 4 of the present specification, please add the following:

The functional element 10 of Fig. 1 comprises a shaft part 14 provided with a male thread 12 and a hollow head part 16 having at least substantially the same outer diameter as the thread cylinder of the shaft part 14. The male thread 12 shown here is a rolled thread, i.e. the thread formation has been effected by rolling.

On page 14, paragraph 2 of the present specification, please amend the following:

Fig. 10 now shows that the functional element 310 can also be made in tubular form. The functional element 310 of Fig. 10 is actually made so that the shaft part 314 is also hollow. Such a functional element has the special advantage that it can be made without problems from a tubular section, with the expansion shown in Fig. 10 of the bore B of the tube in the region of the hollow space 318 being able to be made without any problem, for example either during cold forming or in a high-pressure forming procedure inside a corresponding outer mould. The male thread 312 of the functional element 310 of Fig. 10 can, as in the other prior examples, be produced in a generating process; however it can also be made by a high-pressure forming process inside a mould. Thus the male thread shown here is a compression formed thread, i.e. has been made by compression forming. This is possible due to the use of a tubular section or part of a tubular section as the starting material, as the required internal high pressure can be introduced without problem in all longitudinal regions of the tube or in a tube length corresponding to the length of the functional element via the continuously hollow internal space of the tube.